GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WORLD BANK LOAN
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the World Bank has provided any loans for the project relating to water supply and environmental cleanliness particularly in backward, rural, hilly and tribal areas during the last three years:

(b) If so, the details of the schemes sanctioned and money spent on such projects;

(c) whether those schemes have created an impact on the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the agencies engaged in the implementation of these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the two projects signed during the last three years are as under:

(i) Kerala Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project has been signed with the World Bank on 4.1.01 for an IDA credit of US $ 65.5 million. An amount of US$ 3.105 million has been utilized till 31.1.02 leaving an undrawn amount of US $ 62.395 million. The project will close on 31.12.2006.

(ii) Second Karnataka Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project was signed with the World Bank on 8.3.2002 for an IDA Credit of US$151.6 million. The project with a six year tenure is yet to be declared effective.

(c-d) The Kerala Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project is about one year old and Second Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Project has been signed very recently and is yet to be declared effective. The impact created by these projects, therefore, is yet to be reflected. However. a World Bank mission which visited Kerala in September, 2001 has rated community mobilization as highly satisfactory and observed that there is good community ownership. The agencies engaged in the implementation of these projects are as under:

(i) Kerala Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Project:- Kerala Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Agency.

(ii) Second Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Project:-Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Agency.